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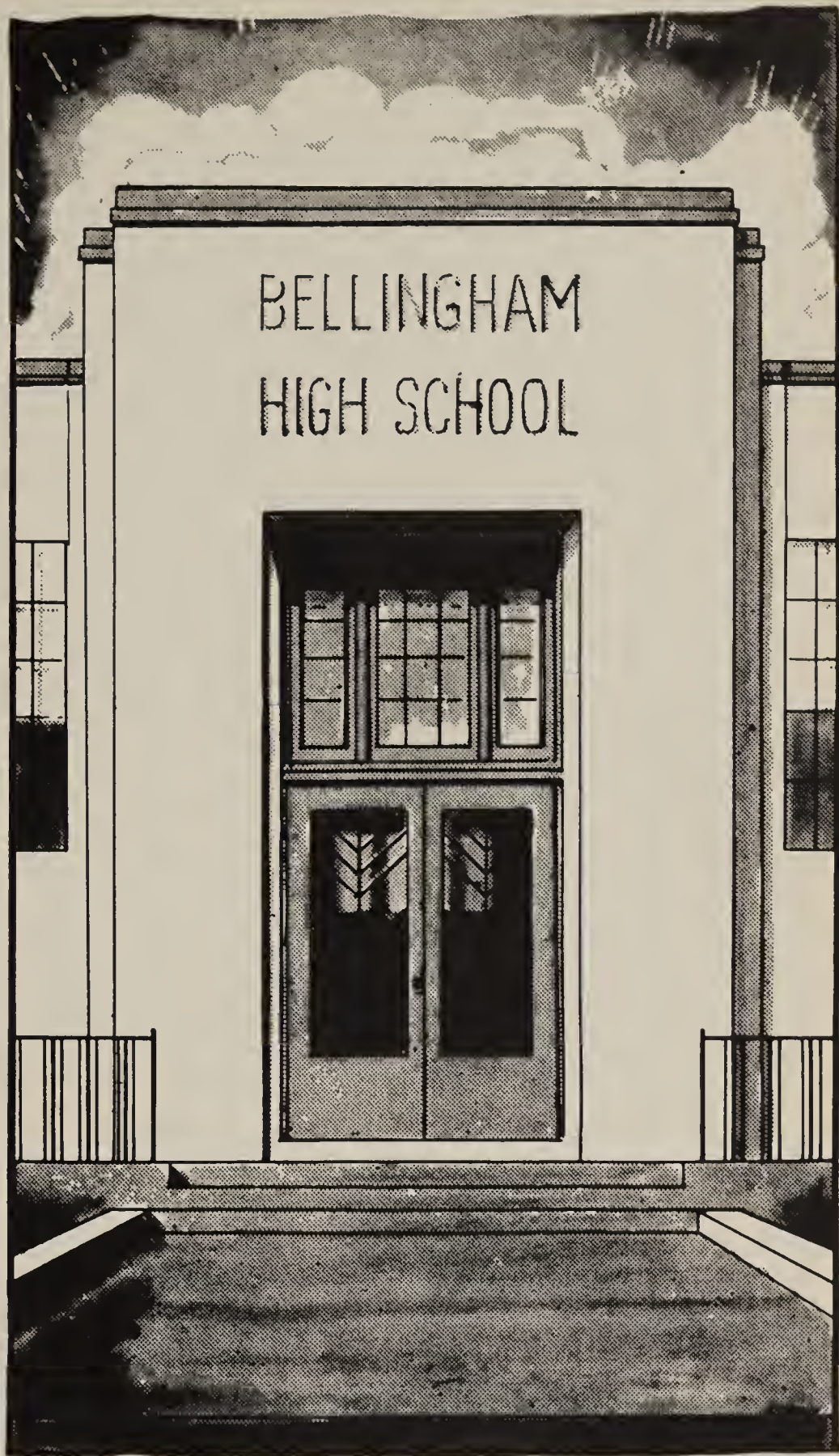
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The Class of 1953 proudly dedicates its Epilogue with deep gratitude and true affection to William Conlan, our Class Advisor, a loyal and sincere teacher; who will long be remembered for his careful guidance and inspiring wisdom; who has been an exemplary instructor, a demanding and appreciative counsellor, and a stimulating and sympathetic friend.



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FRANCES "Frannie" WALKER



Petite, peppy, witty, sparkling personality. A willing, dependable, and efficient worker. Her aimable ways have found the hearts of many friends.

SONG: Make Believe

SAYING: "I'm hungry."

PET PEEVE: Conceited Boys

AMBITION: Medical Secretary

ACTIVITIES: Class President 1234; DAR 4; Girls' State 3; Good Gov't. 3; Athletic Association 1234; Student Council 1; Radio Club 123; Glee Club 1234; General Manager Senior Activities; Junior Prom Committee; Yearbook Staff

OSCAR "O. Le B." LEBLANC

Capable, industrious, our one and only trumpet player. Likes to hypnotize chickens. His good nature, patience and amiability will help him achieve any goal he sets in life.

SONG: You'll never walk alone

SAYING: "Let's get on the stick."

PET PEEVE: Talkative Girls

AMBITION: To be his own boss

ACTIVITIES: Basketball scorer 12; Athletic Association 12; Vice President 4; Junior Prom Committee; Student Council 23 and 4; Glee Club 4; Radio Club 123; Boys State Delegate



JANET "Jan" CROOKS

Versatile, ranks high in studies, our capable class secretary. Jan cheered our team to victory for four years. Her charming personality will endear her to the world.

SONG: I Believe

SAYING: "Oh Crumb!"

PET PEEVE: Being Rushed

AMBITION: Food Technician

ACTIVITIES: Cheerleader 123, Capt. 4; Basketball 123; Softball 2; Class secretary 234; Glee Club 1234; Concert Club 1; Junior Prom Committee; Epilouge Staff.



MAURICE "Moe" GODIN

Tall, dark, suave, ladies' man. Has a unique style of dancing. Craves motorcycles. Capable treasurer, always on hand when needed.

SONG: Hold Me

SAYING: "Well, do tell!"

PET PEEVE: Typing 5-minute timed writings

AMBITION: Big Dame Hunter

ACTIVITIES: Radio Club 1234; Student Council 1234; Senior Plays 123; Editor in Chief of Yearbook; treasurer 34; Athletic Association 23; Junior Prom Committee; Bazaar 4



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ESTELLE "Tel" BEAUREGARD

Sociable, industrious, trustworthy, always willing to lend a helping hand. Tel and her truck were forever doing errands for the class. Faithful, generous, Tel.

SONG: Why don't you believe me?"

SAYING: "What a Racket !"

PET PEEVE: Shorthand Transcription

AMBITION: Hairdresser

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 34; Vice President 1; Ticket Committee 12; Refreshments 34; Decorations 3; Junior Prom Com.

RITA "Rita" BLAIN

Congenial, likeable, daydreams, but is ever ready to join the fun. Forever sewing beautiful clothes. She would like to sleep in class, but then, who wouldn't? Contended Rita is partial to the Navy.

SONG: I Believe

SAYING: "Let's go !"

PET PEEVE: Waiting

AMBITION: Airline Hostess

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 23; Glee Club 4; Ticket Com. 4



BARBARA "Babs" CASTAGNARO

Good Natured, sparkling eyes, always ready for work or play. Excellent dramatist. Our Prom queen, likeable, gay, sincere, Babs....easy to know, but hard to forget.

SONG: I Believe

SAYING: "Holy Cow !"

PET PEEVE: Temperamental People

AMBITION: To Travel

ACTIVITIES: Radio Club 34; Glee Club 24; Advertising 234; Treasurer 1; Decorations 14; Sophomore Banquet; Refreshments 34; Junior Prom Committee



BARBARA "Babs" CLANCY

Modest, polite, tranquil, never seems to have much to say. Owns a sparkling Irish smile. We are indebted to Babs for being our chauffeur.

SONG: Your Cheating Heart

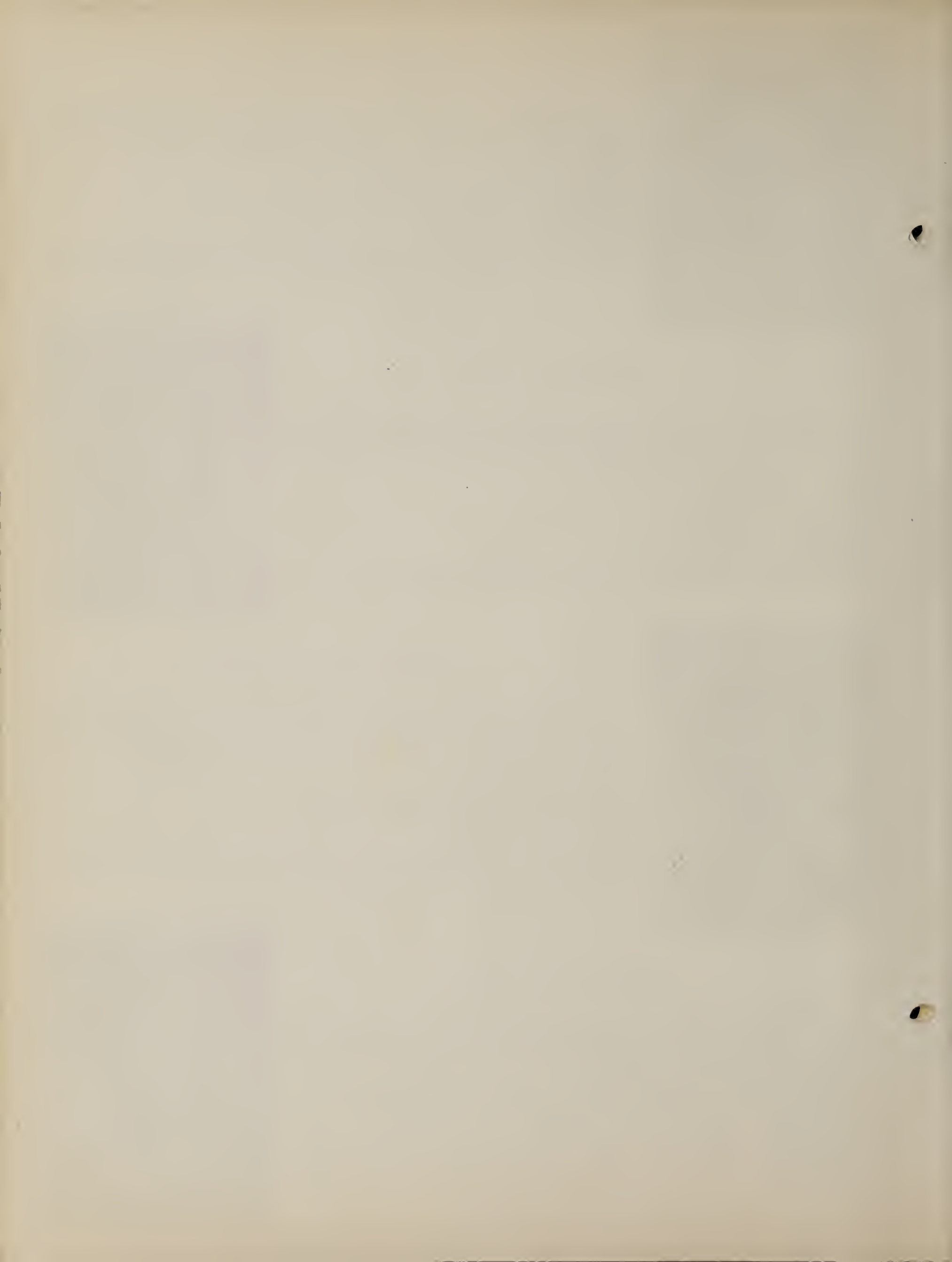
SAYING: "For goodness sakes."

PET PEEVE: Being called "Clancy."

AMBITION: Secretary

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 124; Concert Club 1; Junior Prom Committee







CONSTANCE "Conny" CROOKS

Practical, co-operative, Conny is an active member of our class. Always talkative. Sometimes jolly, sometimes serious. Life holds much in store for Conny.

SONG: Anywhere I wander

SAYING: "I'm going neurotic !"

PET PEEVE: Work Sheet

AMBITION: Dental Secretary

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123; Glee Club 14; Decorations 123 and 4; Junior Prom Committee; Ticket Committee 4; Bazaar 4; Yearbook Staff; Chairman Dance 1; Radio Club 4

FELICE "Felice" DIPIETRO

Deligent, quiet, unassuming, studious. Felice is hard-working and ambitious. May she carry our best wishes with her to a successful future.

SONG: I Believe

SAYING: "Let's eat."

PET PEEVE: Rushing, then waiting

AMBITION: Dress Designer

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 1234; Refreshments 34; Junior Prom Committee



MARCELLE "Marce" FLEUETTE

Friendly, congenial, brown-eyed Marce. Remember those parties? First on the floor for a polka. We know with certainty Marce will reach her goal.

SONG: Ruby

SAYING: "You're sweet."

PET PEEVE: Sonny

AMBITION: Stenographer

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123; Radio Club 14; Glee Club 12; Student Council 234; Yearbook Staff; Bazaar 4; Junior Prom Committee; Advertising 3; Decorating 34

JEANNETTE "Jeannette" GASKILL

Attractive, vivacious, neat, lots of clothes. Her blushing face has brightened many a room. Her charm will catch the world.

SONG: Why don't you believe me?

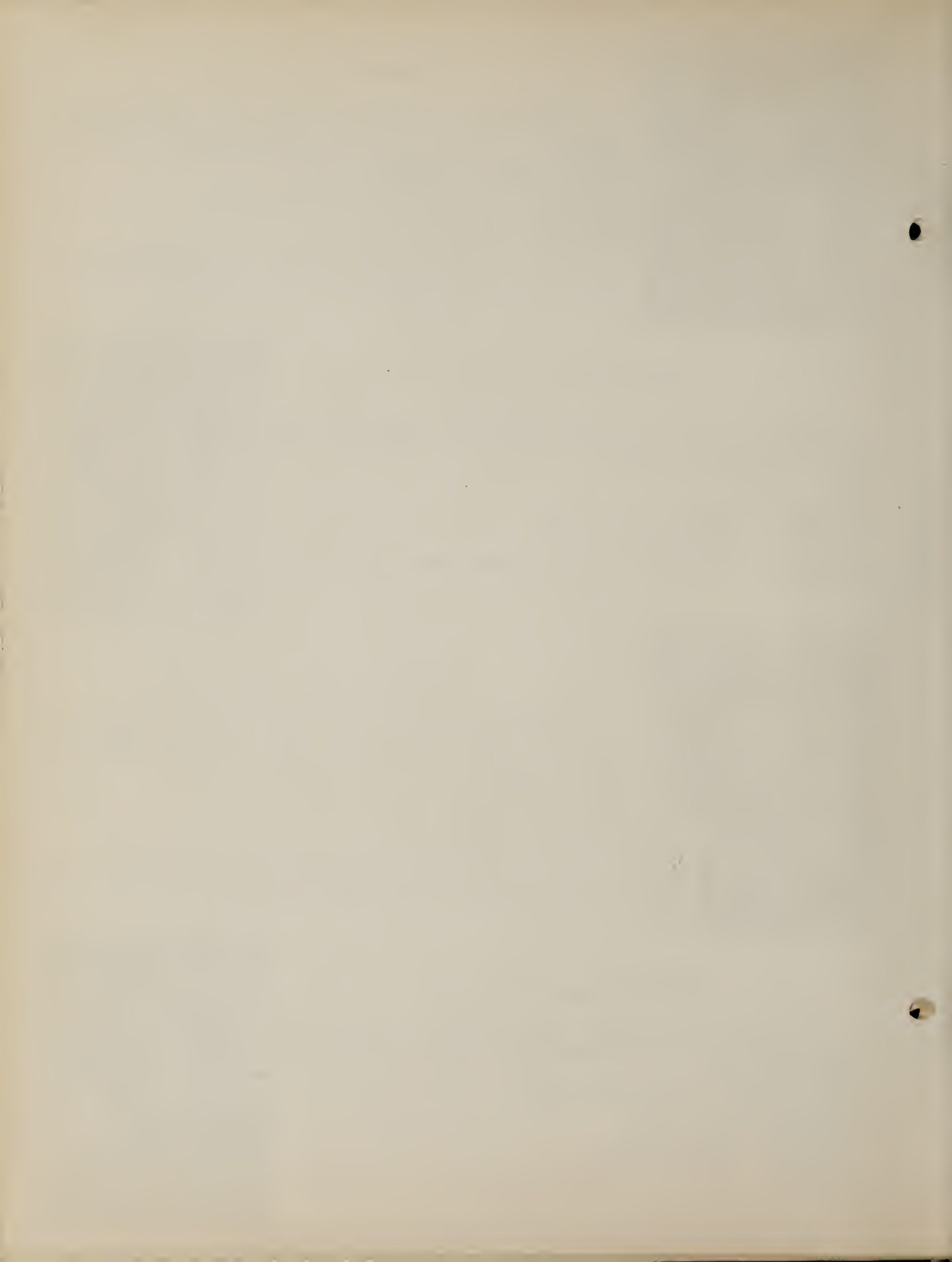
SAYING: "Cut it out."

PET PEEVE: Being teased

AMBITION: Airline Hostess

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 12; Refreshments 24; Decorating 1; Tickets







GERARD "Jughead" GAGNON

Well mannered, always on hand when needed. Likes to draw. His nickname is no reference to his personality, as he is a friend to everyone, and liked by all.

SONG: You belong to me

SAYING: "I don't know."

PET PEEVE: Women

AMBITION: Automobile Designer

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123; Baseball 2; Glee Club 2; Concert Club 1; Advertising 23; Bazaar 4

ROY "Roy" GAVASSO

Calm, courteous, congenial, a gentleman in every sense of the word. A good sense of humor, nice to be with, Roy is known for his polite and orderly manner.

SONG: Indian Love Call

SAYING: "Listen, Buddy !"

PET PEEVE: Big Shots

AMBITION: Millionaire

ACTIVITIES: Basketball scorer 34; Athletic Association 34; Baseball 1234; Concert Club 1; Glee Club 14



LILLIAN "Lil" GLADU

Attractive blue eyes, enticing, radiant personality, possesses a gifted singing voice. A fine commercial student. Her combined qualities are the foundation of her success.

SONG: Body and Soul

SAYING: "Do you understand?"

PET PEEVE: Conceited Boys

AMBITION: Private Secretary

ACTIVITIES: Radio Club 3; Glee Club 34; Athletic Association 4; Bazaar; Senior Plays 3; Refreshments 34; Chairman ticket committee 4; Junior Prom Committee



JAMES "Jimmy" HACHEY

Not too tall, blond, blue-eyed, unhurried and unworried, good natured. Seems quiet, but looks are deceiving. Popular and mischievous, has a way with women. Best of luck, Jim.

SONG: Anywhere I wander

SAYING: "Let's go !"

PET PEEVE: Taking Notes

AMBITION: Billionaire

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 34; Baseball 34; Junior Prom Com. Radio Club 3; president's assistant 34; Glee Club 4; Bazaar





LAWRENCE "Larry" LEACH

Tall, dark, and handsome, Larry gets along with everyone. Always ready to join in the fun. Ardent worker. He loves hunting and MAINE.

SONG: You belong to me.

SAYING: "Mother !"

PET PEEVE: Cafeterias

AMBITION: Engineer

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 3; Baseball 12; Student Council 123; Vice-president of student council 4

FRANCIS "Frank" LOCKLIN

Sincere, well mannered, competent, Frank. Our own "Mr. Piano Player." His reliability and capability will take him a long way.

SONG: Deep Purple

SAYING: "Cowfangle it !"

PET PEEVE: Women Drivers

AMBITION: Insurance Tycoon

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123; baseball 1234; Junior Prom Committee; Radio Club 123; Concert Club 12; Glee Club 4; advertising 1234



ALBERT "Cet" MARCET

Neat, capable, congenial, one of our star players, a man of few words, his cheerful, pleasing disposition speaks for him.

SONG: 'Till I waltz again with you

SAYING: "Aw come on !"

PET PEEVE: Conceited Girls

AMBITION: Electrical Engineer

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123, co-capt. 4; Baseball 1234; Glee Club 4; Radio Club 12; Good Gov't. Alternate; Junior Prom Committee



RALPH "Buddy" MAUS

Studious, well mannered, likes square dancing, excellent bookkeeping student. His intelligence and ambition will lead him to success.

SONG: Mighty Pretty Waltz

SAYING: "We all have to go sometime !"

PET PEEVE: Girls that won't move to the rear of the bus

AMBITION: Certified Public Accountant

ACTIVITIES: Baseball 1; Ticket Committee 2; Advertising 3; Refreshments 1





CLARK "Sonny" MEOTTI

Co-operative, argumentive, proved his capability at Assumption Tournament. His ability to accept responsibility will give him success.

SONG: Don't let the stars get in your eyes

SAYING: "What d'ya mean!"

FET PEEVE: Wise guys

AMBITION: Being stationed on an Aircraft Carrier

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 1234; baseball 1234; Junior Prom Com. Glee Club 14; Concert Club 12; Radio Club 123

ROBERT "Bob" NUTTING

Cheerful, mischievous, flirtacious, has a way with women. His ability to spread cheer will always be an asset to him.

SONG: Blue Tango

SAYING: "M-m-m-m!"

FET PEEVE: Basketball Referees

AMBITION: Owner of a Professional Girls' Basketball Team

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123; co-captain 4; Baseball 23;

Athletic Association 13; Junior Prom Com; Epilogue Staff;

Glee Club 4; Radio Club 1234; Sportscaster 4



DREW "Butch" PALMER

Tall, blond, blue-eyed, Butch. Sociable, capable, humorous, and impetuous, too. His dynamic personality will set him a place in the world.

SONG: Harlem Nocturn

SAYING: "What a matter?"

FET PEEVE: Model A Fords

AMBITION: Newspaper Editor

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123, co-capt. 4; Baseball 1234;

Track 4; Junior Prom Com; Glee Club 124; Radio Club 123;

Concert Club 12; Epilogue Staff; School Newspaper Correspondent



GERALD "Gerry" PANTANO

A tireless worker for our class. Never refuses food. Likes to count money. A chef to please any gourmet. He'll be remembered for his fun-loving manner.

SONG: You'll never walk alone

SAYING: "Why?"

FET PEEVE: Shorthand Transcription

AMBITION: Retired Multi-Millionaire

ACTIVITIES: Concert Club 1; Decorating 4; Refreshments 4







PAUL "Petro" PETROSKY

Handsome, ambitious, powerful, talkative, popular with the girls and admired by the boys, his sparkling wit and gentlemanly manner will pave the way for him.

SONG: 'Till I waltz again with you

SAYING: "What d'ya know?"

PET PEEVE: Girls that smoke

AMBITION: Big league baseball player

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123, co-capt. 4; baseball 123 co-capt. 4; vice pres. 23; Junior Prom Com; Athletic Ass. 1234
Radio Club 12, pres. 3

BRADLEY "Brad" ROWE

Tall, silent, unassuming, truly a gentleman and scholar. Shies away from women. Brad is sure to succeed in any field he chooses.

SONG: Blue Tango

SAYING: "Aw, come on now !"

PET PEEVE: Math

AMBITION: Successful Civil Engineer

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123; baseball 123; student council 4; Glee Club 4; Radio Club 123



DONALD "Don" SHORT

Jolly, well mannered, constantly smiling, Mendon's loss was Bellingham's gain. Where there's Don there's laughter. May he always retain that sense of humor.

SONG: Pretend

SAYING: "Man !"

PET PEEVE: Shorthand

AMBITION: To retire at 45

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 34; Baseball 4; Junior Prom Committee; Decorating 4

MARGARET "Peggy" SHORT

Tall, good natured, liked by all. Enthusiastic cheerleader. Reigned over Christmas Ball. Her winning ways will be the guide to her future.

SONG: Heart and Soul

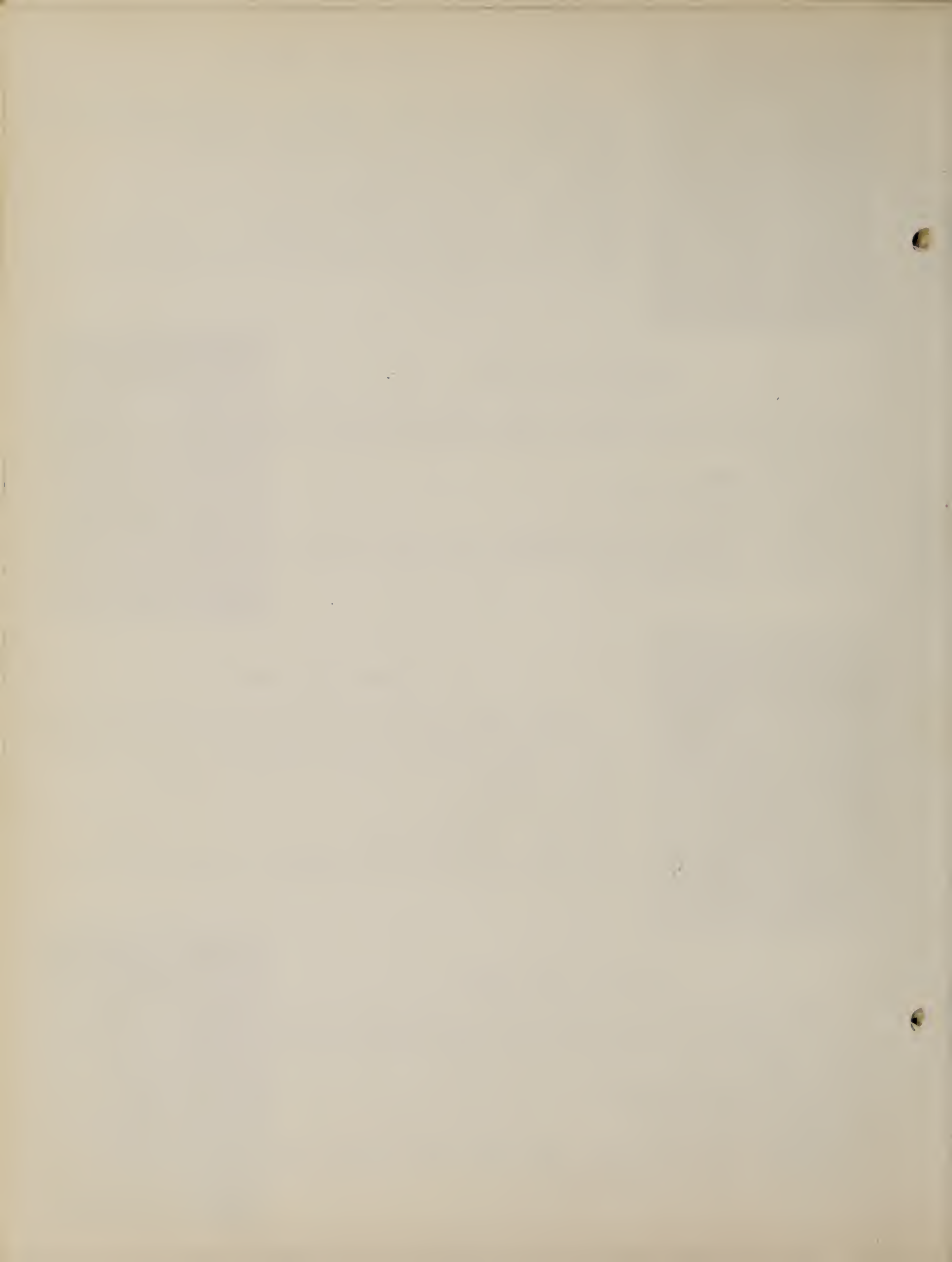
SAYING: "Oh Fiddlesticks !"

PET PEEVE: Being teased

AMBITION: Hairdresser

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 1234; Cheerleader 34; Junior Prom Committee; Chairman ticket committee 3







CLAIRE "Claire" TROTTIER

Gentle, neat, orderly, the Lily Pons of the class. Congratulations to our first bride. Good luck, Claire, you deserve the best.

SONG: Smoke gets in your eyes

SAYING: "It figures."

PET PEEVE: Waiting

AMBITION: Singer

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 12³⁴; Radio Club 1; Junior Prom Com.

PAUL "Paul" TRUDEAU

Polite, talkative, likes pretty girls. Smooth dancer, has a keen interest in Psychology. We can never forget gay, mischievous, Paul.

SONG: Mona Lisa

SAYING: "You bet your boots !"

PET PEEVE: Crowded School Buses

AMBITION: Electrician

ACTIVITIES: Junior Prom Committee



PATRICIA "Pat" TURNER

Flirty eyes, temperamental, mischievous, loves to travel. To own a Western ranch would be Pat's dream come true. Thoughtful, capable. Good luck, Pat, from every one of us.

SONG: Hold Me

SAYING: "M-m-m Boy !"

PET PEEVE: Being bothered with trifles early in the morning

AMBITION: Airline Hostess

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 12; Junior Prom Com; Refreshments 3⁴; Decorating 4;



DOLORES "Del" VANASSE

Jolly, happy-go-lucky, good natured, a welcome addition to the class in our Senior year. Her captivating way will help her over life's hurdles.

SONG: You'll never know

SAYING: "I'll be darned !"

PET PEEVE: Being called "Chicken."

AMBITION: Secretary

ACTIVITIES: Glee Club 4; Ticket Committee 4





KENNETH "Ken" YOUNG

Carefree, good natured, Kenny's contagious smile makes him a ladies' man. Best of luck to a wonderful sport and talented athlete.

SONG: Autumn Leaves

SAYING: "Are you kidding?"

PET PEEVE: Wise Guys

AMBITION: Pro. Basketball or baseball player

ACTIVITIES: Basketball 123, co-capt. 4; MVP at Assumption Tournament; Baseball 123, co-capt. 4; Student Council 34; Junior Prom Committee; Radio Club 123; Glee Club 124

Class Poem

THE PORTAL OF DECISION

We traveled on along the path
Until we reached the gate:
'Tis on the portal now we stand
Why do we hesitate?

Before us stands the door of life,
We reach to open it.
With hopes aimed high we walk along,
So greatly spirited.

We say goodbye to all our friends
And hope to see them more,
Our day has come to graduate
With pride and joy galore.

Our school years now we leave behind
We each go our own way
Good citizens we'll try to be
We won't be led astray.

By
Kenneth Young
and
Marcelle Fleurette

Class Colors: White and Gold

Class Flower: Rose

Class Marshall: Lucille Poirier

Class Advisor: William Conlan

Class Motto:

"He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely."

Class Prophecy

As I was lounging in my apartment in the Hotel New Yorker, my maid handed the telephone to me. It was Gerald Pantano, one of my former classmates and now one of the richest men in America. He explained that he had just bought a yacht, the SS Bellingham, and was going to ask a few of our friends from the Class of 1953 to go on a month's tour to the West Indies. He said his valet, Donald Short, would contact the others and make arrangements. I was delighted. We were to meet the next evening at Gerry's mansion on Long Island Sound and leave from there the next morning.

As soon as I said good-bye to Gerry, I called my good friend Barbara Castagnaro, a famous Broadway actress, to go shopping at the attractive salon of Madame Marcelle. (Marcelle Fleurette, a former classmate, was a famous exclusive clothes designer.) I was pleased when Babs said she would join me. We greeted Marcelle at the door and asked her if she could possibly join us on the tour. She said she would love to. I asked her if she could have a few of the models show us some appropriate styles. She motioned to two of them, Pat Turner, and Peggy Short. We weren't surprised to see them as models because of their sparkling personalities, to say nothing of their gorgeous figures. They informed us that they intended to make a career of modeling. After they had shown us some divine creations, Babs asked for the manager to inquire if we could have the clothes the next day. Lillian Gladu walked out and told us that she was the Manager. She said she liked her job very much. We knew that she would do well because of her fine business ability. She assured us that our creations would be ready the very next day. And with that Babs and I departed from the salon.

As it was getting late in the afternoon, Babs suggested we drop into a little coffee shop, which we learned Rita Blain owned. Rita, who used to work at the Donut Kettle, thought she would try her hand at it and was doing very well. The head waitress, Jennette Gaskill, walked over for our orders. We asked her if she had heard about any of our classmates lately. She said Felice DiPietro and Barbara Clancy had opened a Beauty Salon recently. She also said Bob Nutting was a sports announcer on T.V. and Paul Petrosky had just been offered a major league contract with the Dodgers, which Jimmy Hachey was managing.

We gave Jan our order, drank our coffee, and then went to Babs' apartment for a quiet evening. I picked up the paper and saw on the Society Page, where Roy Gavasso, of the Red Sox, married into high society. It also stated that Frances Locklin, an important business executive in the textile industry, was best man for the couple.

Babs tuned in the television and we heard Mr. Paul Trudeau giving a super-duper sales talk about the one and only Chlorophyll Cigar. Paul was now using his vocabulary to great advantage. Next, Paul introduced the Man with the Smooth Trumpet, Oscar

Leblanc and his orchestra. Oscar, who always did play very well is now superb and really dreamy.

It was getting pretty late and since I had to go to work early tomorrow, I left for my own apartment.

The next morning I awoke very excited. I realized it was tonight we were to meet at Gerry's mansion. I was eager to see the old gang again. I already knew that Clark Meotti, who had just been discharged from the Navy, would be the captain of the yacht. I was still very curious about the others.

I went to work but could hardly write my gossip column at the New York Times because I was so excited. My boss told me that my columns would have to be a bit more vivacious because my rival, Del Vanasse, was gossip columnist for our rival newspaper, which Kenny Young published. The editor, Drew Palmer, was also a former classmate.

That night finally came and I was dressed way ahead of time. Babs and I waited patiently for Gerry's chauffeur to pick us up. The car, a brand new Cadillac guaranteed to do 150 miles per hour, finally arrived. Ralph Maus was already in the car. He was going on the trip to make a report on trapping conditions in the West Indies for an important sport's magazine.

As we were cruising along at 110 per, we were signalled to the side of the road by a motorcycle policeman. The policeman was Maurice Godin. Moe had become such an ardent motorcyclist that he had made it his career. We explained about the trip and that we were already late. He forgave the chauffeur for speeding and gave us a police escort to the mansion.

After that long ride, we arrived safe and sound. The first one to greet us was Frances Walker. Frances told us that she and Janet Crooks were teaching at old Bellingham High. Frances was head of the Commercial Department and Janet was head of the Home Economics Department and they liked their work very much. Then Larry Leach strolled up to meet us. He told us he was now proprietor of the Chase Oil Company, by which he was once employed. He also said Albert Marcet was coaching an undefeated Blackstone team. Larry said Sam LaVoie and Gerry Gagnon had gone on television as comedians, but Gerry didn't like it. He is now designing jet automobiles. We all remember the wonderful automobiles he used to draw.

Claire Trottier and Estelle Beauregard came in and said they were happily married and each had two children. At that time Gerry told us of the promotion of Brad Rowe to the head of the Electrical Engineering Department in Gerry's Company.

Before we retired, we talked about old times and how successful everyone had been. As we left for our rooms, we thought about the wonderful West Indies Cruise; God willing.

Constance Crooks

Class History

Turn back the hands of time
Roll back the sands of time
Bring back our dream divine
Let's live it over again.

Turn back those hands of time to September 1949, when we entered our Freshman year at Bellingham High School. Our first shyness was gone, however, as we had studied here for two previous years as seventh and eighth grade students; yet high school was to be a new adventure for us. We had now grown up and our responsibilities had become more evident.

With noisy greetings our friendships were renewed. We soon settled down to study with our respected class advisor, Mr. Conlan. We became a united group under the direction of the following class officers: President Frances Walker, Vice-president Estelle Beauregard, Secretary Jean Tooker, Treasurers Albert Marcet and Barbara Castagnaro, and Student Council Representatives Maurice Godin and Yvette Gelinas. Ours was a large class and a little noisy at times, but we enjoyed every event possible.

Our first social affair, the Freshman Acquaintance Party, sponsored by the Seniors, was our reward for obeying their every wish. After initiation was over we felt that we had been duly established as Freshmen.

Our studies were not overlooked because the thought of exams made us realize that education came first. After the trying period was over we held our first social function, the Valentine Dance. It was a great success and we were proud that our first event had turned out so well.

June came much too quickly. We bade our friends good-bye, hoping to see them again as Sophomores.

Our Sophomore year proved to be a busy one. We had to pursue more difficult studies in order to make the grade. The outcome of our class elections was: President, Frances Walker; Vice-president, Paul Petrosky; Secretary, Janet Crooks; Treasurer, Albert Marcet; Student Council Representatives, Oscar Leblanc and Marcelle Fleurette. Mr. Conlan returned as class advisor. Our social functions that year, The Thanksgiving Dance and turkey raffle, netted a large profit for our treasury. Later in the year at the Sophomore Banquet everyone ate chicken to his heart's content. Winter brought basketball and all its exciting games. The many practice sessions brought forth our best players. Next came final exams, a trip to Nantasket, and summer.

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Gone was another year as the hands of time drew nearer to the present. September came again and we took the third step towards the top of the ladder. Guiding us through our Junior year were: President Frances Walker, Vice-president Paul Petrosky, Secretary Janet Crooks, Treasurer Maurice Godin, and Student Council Representatives Marcelle Fleurette and Oscar Leblanc. Mr. Conlan was our class advisor.

A louder buzz than usual was heard in the corridor that day. Why?? The Juniors had received their class rings and were showing those prized possessions to everyone. Our Halloween Barn Dance proved to be a huge success both socially and financially. In slacks and dungarees, everyone enjoyed the gay affair.

Basketball season found Al Marcet, Paul Petrosky and Bob Nutting as varsity men, with Drew Palmer, Ken Young, Sonny Leotti and Jimmy Hachev as subs. Peggy Short joined Jan Crooks on the cheering squad.

The highlight of this year was our Junior Prom. After much careful planning, the long awaited evening arrived, and we found it well worth our every effort. We chose "Blue Moon" as our theme and decorated the auditorium accordingly. Our hearts were gay as we danced under the soft lights in our beautiful gowns to the soft strains of Bob Wilbur's Orchestra. Barbara Castagnaro was chosen queen. Our first formal was a memorable one.

With the advent of spring came baseball. The diamond sparkled with Juniors that year. Days sped by as our Junior year came to a close. Another class had graduated. Could it be possible we were next?

Seniors at last. That day of days had finally come. To carry out the duties of our Senior year we elected: President Frances Walker, Vice-president Oscar Leblanc, Secretary Janet Crooks, Treasurer Maurice Godin, and Student Council Representatives Marcelle Fleurette and Brad Rowe. We were still under the capable leadership of Mr. Conlan.

This was our last year at Bellingham High School. What a big one it has proven to be! Our studies were not neglected as other arduous tasks were well done. With our hearts set on a Washington trip in April and the assembling of the yearbook, we co-operated in many money-making ventures to accumulate enough funds to cover our expenses. Dances, food sales, candy sales, paper drives, whist parties, a bazaar, a musical and a play were all projects undertaken to make our plans possible.

Mistletoe, pine boughs and streamers beautified the auditorium for the Christmas Ball. Drew Palmer and Peggy Short were chosen king and queen. How can one fail to remember that enchanted evening?

Basketball was the talk-of-the-town this year. The five co-captains, Drew Palmer, Al Marcet, Bob Nutting, Paul Petrosky and Ken Young, with the aid of Sonny Meotti, Jimmy Hachey, and Donny Short, were our star athletes and proved their ability in becoming champions. Never will they be forgotten. Janet Crooks and Peggy Short did their share of cheering the boys on to their many victories.

The Epilogue staff, under the capable guidance of our Editor-in-Chief, Maurice Godin, met constantly to collect and arrange material for our yearbook.

No dream was ever realized so completely as ours was the day we departed for Washington. The towering skyline of New York was vastly inspiring. The National Capitol, with its beautiful buildings and historic background, will always be a treasured memory. A visit to Annapolis was included in our itinerary. We surely were impressed with this beautiful country of ours. This had been a wonderful trip from beginning to end.

The magnetic force of baseball brought Paul Petrosky, Ken Young, Al Marcet, Drew Palmer, Roy Gavasso, Sonny Meotti, Jimmy Hachey and Franny Locklin to the diamond. We were at every game cheering them to victory for the last time.

Time has closed in on us and here it is June with final exams and part of Commencement Week behind us. Gone is the laughter and gaiety which make us so carefree. There was an air of sadness mingled with our excitement as we prepared for our Commencement Week. We will always have treasured memories

of our Class Banquet, held last night at the Meadows; our Class Night, tonight; our Class Trip, tomorrow, and Commencement, Thursday. With gratitude we will receive our diplomas and leave Bellingham High School in farewell. The Class of 1953, now Alumni of Bellingham High School.

Janet Crooks

Class Song

Tune: Remember Pearl Harbor

Let's remember our high school
As we journey on through life..
Our proud Alma Mater
A friend through all our life.
Let us never forget her
Or the faculty so grand
Let's remember the friendships
Of our brave and noble clan.

By Lillian Gladu
and
Delores Vanasse

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Who's Who



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Senior Class



Cheer Leader

Who's Who

Girl

Boy

Most Co-operative
Wittiest
Quietest
Class Baby
Athletic
Best Mannered
Best Dancer
Sociable
Neatest
Class Dreamer
Modest
Popular
Talkative
Dramatic
Best Natured
Happy-go-lucky
Artistic
Ambitious
Did Most for Class
Class Actors
Most Industrious
Most Studious
Typical H.S. Girl & Boy
Mischievous
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Bashful
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Last Will and Testament

We, the Class of 1953 of Bellingham High School, in the county of Norfolk, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts do declare this to be our last will and testament. To the faculty and underclassmen we bequeath our most loved possessions. Accept them with a grin. To our underclassmen, we leave our aches and pains. To our patient faculty, we will our heartfelt thanks for all the years you have put up with us. In addition, we make the following bequests:

To Mr. Rowe, we leave a few poor worn-out typewriters. May they still be of some use.

To Mr. Collins, we leave a book entitled, "Why Worry?". Never thought we'd make Washington, did you?

To Mr. Conlan, we bequeath our heartfelt thanks for helping us with all our affairs....We hope we weren't too bad.

To Mr. Flynn, we leave the pleasant memories of our five co-captains, who leave you this year. Best of luck with your future teams.

To Mr. Keough, we leave a magnetic paper-pickup device which will decrease students' tending exercises.

To Miss Bailey, we leave a Home Ec. Class that will like Home Ec. better than soda dealers.

To Miss Cote, we will a class that just loves transcription. Not to say we didn't.

To Miss Goguen, we leave our thanks for making our Washington trip so enjoyable. We sure did have fun, didn't we?

To Mrs. Kelley, we leave an uninterrupted English class that will give her no worries whatsoever.

To Miss Mulgrew, we leave a Chemistry class that always has their minds on chemistry.

Estelle Beauregard leaves her so-called Hot Rod to any underclassman who loves flying through space.

Rita Blain leaves her lovely curly locks to anyone who wished to be a hit with the opposite sex.

Barbara Clancy bequeaths her successful ways of keeping secrets....but we managed to find out some.

Barbara Castagnaro leaves to the school a box of late slips because you see she used up all of the 1952-53 supply.

Constance Crooks, leaves to any future bookkeeping student her five famous words, "I don't get it, Miss."

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Janet Crooks, wills to any future Senior a book entitled "How Not To Blush." May she make better use of it than Jan did.

Felice DiPietro leaves her courteous and gentle ways to all underclassmen.

Marcelle Fleurette leaves her ability to sneak on the basketball team's bus to all Freshmen girls.

Roy Gavasso leaves a clock so he may know what time to return to busses on class trips. Just joking, Roy.

Gerard Gagnon wills a make-believe robot-controlled car of the future to really prove how his art magic has turned to reality.

Maurice Godin bequeathes his CALM and COLLECTED ways of collecting dues to the next Senior Treasurer.

Lil Gladu bequeathes her over-sized fountain pen to remind future commercial students that "Bookkeeping is never done in pencil."

Jeanette Gaskill wills her wonderful penmanship. It must be a pleasure for teachers to correct her work.

Jimmy Hachey bequeaths his cute and boyish ways to any future Senior who wants to make a hit with ALL the girls.

Oscar Leblanc wills his ability to supervise paper-drives....also to cancel them.

Larry Leach bequeaths a map of Maine so every living soul can find the way to his promised land.

Fran Locklin bequeaths his musical ability. It sure is a pleasure to hear you play, Frank.

Ralph Maus wills his magic head for bookkeeping. No one could add those figures like Ralph.

Al Marcet bequeaths a muzzle to next year's team so that it may prevent any accident to player's teeth...You weren't so lucky were you, Albie?

Clark Meotti wills his good luck in getting points in a game with only seconds to play. We will never forget your one point at Assumption College.

Bob Nutting wills his sportscasting ability to a future Senior along with a book entitled "How to Spell."

Drew Palmer wills a special 1930 automobile license so students who have cars dated before that may be put on the road.

Paul Petrosky wills his popular, engaging, and manly ways. We hope, we may also see Paul as a major league player some day.

Gerry Pantano wills his helpful and cooperative ways. We never could have reached our goal at any affair if it had not been for Gerry, an asset to any class.

Brad Rowe bequeaths his ability while driving at night to hit a cat, but miss a dog.

Don Short wills one turkey leg, as that was all that was left of the Victory Banquet after Don had his meal.

Margaret Short wills her pleasant personality. In your two years at B.H.S. you sure have made a hit with all.

Claire Trottier wills Fran Walker's appetite. Claire, are your cupboards bare?

Pat Turner leaves a price list of America's higher priced cars. Boy! do you ride in style.

Paul Trudeau wills a long playing record of his questions in Economics.

Del Vanasse bequeaths her witty and subtle remarks so that a new comer at B. H. S. can make friends as easily as Del did.

Fran Walker bequeaths a steel fireplace for Senior musicals so that any M. C. who falls on it will not bräak it.

Ken Young wills a book entitled "Why I Like Basketball better than Speech-Making." Just kidding, Ken.

Being of feeble mind but of sound body, we, the thirty-three graduates of the Class of 1953 do on this 18th day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-three, ordain this will.

Class of 1953

Scribe: Fran Walker

Witnesses

Mr. Peepers

Mr. Beanblossum

My Friend Irma

HUMOR

Drew Palmer: My father has George Washington's watch in his collection.

Jim Hachey : That's nothing, my father has Adam's apple.

Frances Walker: Did you hear about the disinherited skunk?

Claire Trottier: No, what happened?

Frances Walker: It was cut off without a scent.

Sonny Meotti: My name is Henry Ford from Detroit.

Marce Fluette: Pleased to meet you, I'm green from envy.

Janet Crooks: Rita, have you filled the salt shaker?

Rita Blain : Not yet, it's hard pushing the salt through these little holes.

Miss Mulgrew: This marvelous machine here will cut your work in half.

Al. Marcet: I'll take two.

Conny Crooks: If you tell a man anything it goes in one ear and out of the other.

Gerry Pantano: Yes, but if you tell a woman anything, It goes in both ears and out of the mouth.

Roy Gavasso: I saw your girl this morning and she had a terrible cough in church. Everyone turned and looked at her.

Paul Trudeau: You needn't worry about that. She was wearing a new spring hat.

Moe Godin: I have a sort of feeling I've danced with you somewhere before.

Barbara Castagnaro: So have I, the pressure of your foot feels familiar.

Mr. Conlan: I want order in this room.

Bob Nutting: I'll take ham on rye.

Estelle Beauregard



Miss Cote



Larry and Moe



Mr. Conlan
"Only Kidding"



Don Short



HIT PARADE

Sound Off.....	Janet's cheering squad
Lucky Me.....	Estelle Beauregard
So Long It's Been Good To Know You.....	Juniors
Why Don't You Believe Me.....	I'll pay my dues
Racing With The Moon.....	Riding with Moe Godin
Blues In The Night.....	After the Grafton game
It Only Happens Once.....	Five Co-Captains
Black Magic.....	Chemistry class
Night And Day.....	Homework
As Time Goes By.....	Typing Speed Tests
Beautiful Dreamer.....	Rita Blain
The Lords Prayer.....	Paul Petrosky
I've Got Plenty Of Nothing.....	Senior Treasury
Smoke, Smoke That Cigarette.....	Recess
Jeronimo.....	Fifth period
It's Been A Long Time.....	Since we were Freshmen
More Than You Know.....	Psychology exams
It's In The Book.....	Miss Mulgrew
It's Later Than You Think.....	Seniors
Ain't She Sweet.....	Frances Walker
Peg Of My Heart.....	A certain Senior boy about Peggy
Slowpoke	Conny on her dates with Bob
A Cute Piece Of Property.....	Jimmy Hachey
Thanks For The Memories.....	Mr. Conlan
Some Enchanting Evenings.....	Marcelle's parties
Lovers.....	Basketball Team
Nature Boy.....	Jerry Pantano
Baby Face.....	Larry Leach
Smile, Darn You Smile.....	Our advice to troubled world
Hail To The Chief.....	President Eisenhower
I Didn't Know What Time It was.....	Senior girls coming home late
Too Young.....	Freshmen
Oh How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning..	Babs Castagnaro
Let Me In.....	Seniors to town residents
Baby Me.....	Sophomores to Mrs. Kelley
Keep It a Secret.....	Senior girls gossiping
I Heard Someone Crying Last Night.....	After report cards
Five Minutes More.....	Exams
Laugh Clown Laugh.....	Gerry Gagnon
It's Wonderful.....	Bellingham Lions Club
Happy Day.....	Graduation
Candy And Cake.....	Sessions with Mr Keough
Rain Rain.....	Our Junior Prom
I Like People.....	Del Vanasse
Pretty Baby.....	Pat Turner
C'st Ci Bon.....	Lil Gladu
It's The Talk Of The Town.....	Bellingham Blackhawks
Wedding Bells.....	Claire Trottier



Underclassmen







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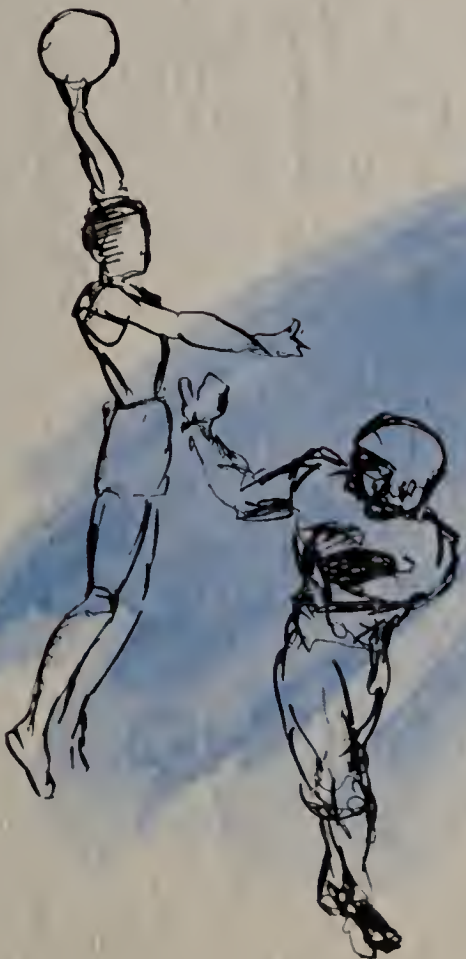
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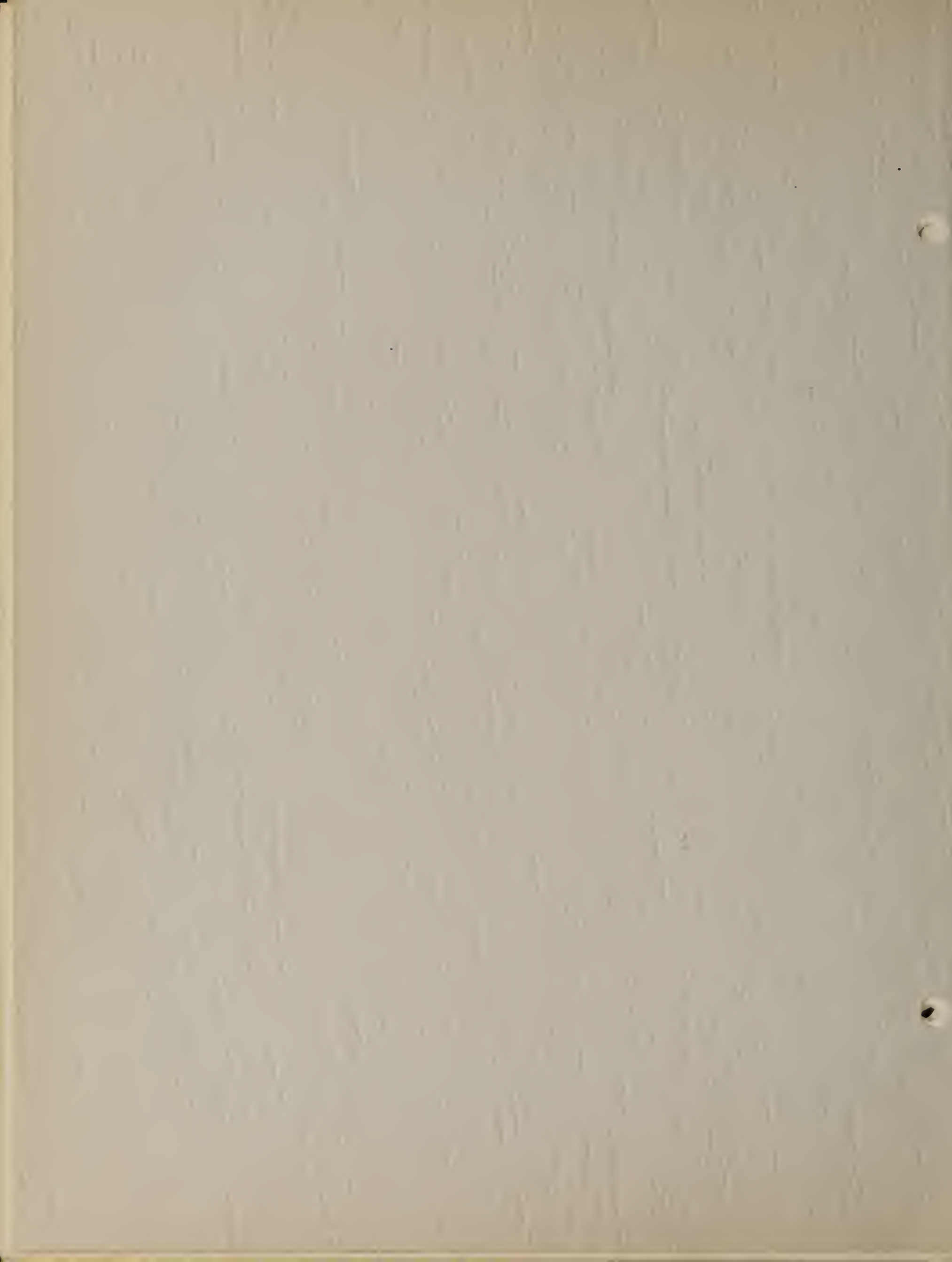


Freshmen Class



Sports







Coach Frank Flynn and the Bellingham High School Blackhawks finished one of the most successful seasons in the history of the school. The team played a total of twenty-five games, winning twenty-two while losing three.

Coach Frank Flynn welcomed eight seniors to the squad which included five Co-Captains. The five Co-Captains were Paul Petrosky, Bob Nutting, Kenny Young, Drew Palmer, and Al Marcet. The underclassmen on the team were Roger Canestrari, Henry Schwenker, Alan Tuttle, Jimmy Mazdrachi, and Ronny Koloski.

The team won four out of six games before Christmas vacation. But after vacation the team rolled along undefeated, winning thirteen straight. The Blackhawks wound up with a seventeen and two record for the regular schedule. Then the Blackhawks began their tournament play. They entered the Massachusetts small and medium schools tournament, Class D. They won their first two games but lost in the semi-finals in Lynn. Then came the Assumption College invitation tournament in Worcester, Class B. After winning their first two games, the Blackhawks beat Shewsbury High by one point for the crown. Again this year they retained the Woonsocket Retail Trade Board Trophy beating Blackstone. They also received the Denise W. Howard Memorial Plaque by beating Franklin.

The team was awarded, at the close of the season, a banquet by the citizens of the town. Each player received a jacket, and wrist watch, and souvenir basketball. Prospects look bright for another good season with many experienced veterans returning. We sincerely hope the Blackhawks can repeat in 1954. The Javees won 9 games and lost 10. Players were: J. Chliscyzk, B. Mowry, E. Deschamps, R. Bernich, J. Scaccia, T. Duprex, A. Thibodeau, R. Ozella, B. Purich, J. Dolan, D. Canestrari, R. Pantano, D. Dalstrom, W. Tucker, R. Gagnon, R. Leach, C. Cramb, R. Cowan, L. Henrod, J. DiPietro, G. Pincince, H. Schwenker.

BASKETBALL (1952-1953)

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*Bellingham	85.....	Millis.....	47
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#Bellingham	72.....	Hudson.....	32
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#Bellingham	51.....	Shrewsbury.....	50

*Eastern Mass. Small Schools Tournament Class D

#Assumption College Invitation Tournament Worcester
Massachusetts Class B

BASEBALL (1951-1952)

*Bellingham	4.....	Franklin.....	7
Bellingham	2.....	Millis.....	3
Bellingham	0.....	Westwood.....	10
Bellingham	7.....	Medway.....	3
Bellingham	13.....	Medfield.....	4
Bellingham	2.....	Hopedale.....	0
Bellingham	3.....	Millis.....	0
Bellingham	5.....	Westwood.....	0
Bellingham	5.....	Medway.....	3
Bellingham	3.....	Medfield.....	1
Bellingham	1.....	Hopedale.....	6
*Bellingham	5.....	Franklin.....	11
*Bellingham	3.....	Blackstone.....	4
*Bellingham	2.....	Blackstone.....	10

*Non League Games

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Cheer Leaders



Athletic Association;



Coach Frank Flynn, beginning his second year as baseball coach, called for candidates in early April. At a meeting of the letter men, Al Forte was elected captain. Andy Gregoire was also on the team. Of this years seniors there were nine players - Paul Petrosky, Al Marcet, Drew Palmer, Kenny Young, Sonny Meotti, Jimmy Hachey, Bradley Rowe, Francis Locklin, and Roy Gavasso.

Bellingham was again in the Tri County League with Westwood, Millis, Medway, Medfield, and Hopedale. Exhibition games with Franklin and Blackstone were also played. After losing their first three games the team began to pick up stride and won their next seven games. Then the team ran into a little trouble and lost their last four games. In league competition, the team wound up in second place, with a seven and three record, behind Westwood with an eight and two record. The complete season record was seven wins and seven loses.

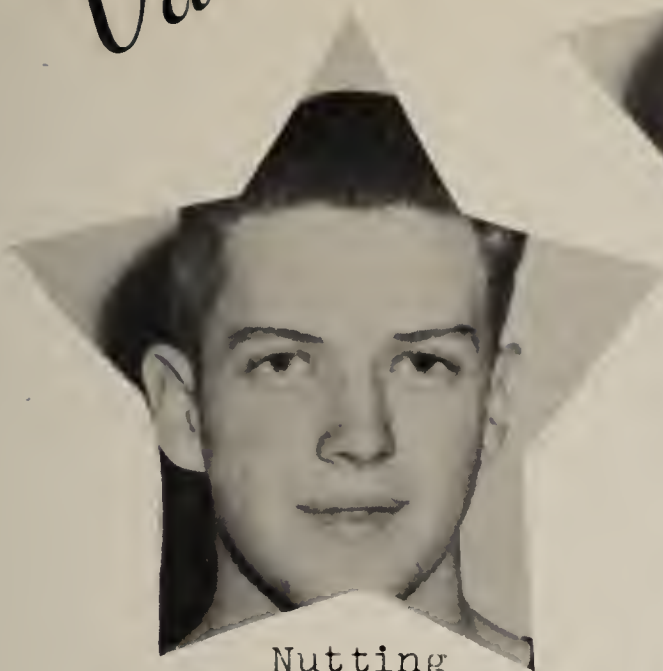
There were two thrilling games over the stretch. First of all, Al Forte pitched a no hit, no run, game against Millis. Bellingham won the game three to nothing. The second was a sixteen inning game against Blackstone as Kenny Young pitched fifteen innings and Al Forte finished. After nine innings, the score was tied two to two. In the fifteenth inning both teams scored one run. Bellingham lost the long game as Blackstone added another run in the sixteenth inning to win four to three.

It was a fighting team not giving up until the last out was made. The team tryed hard to win the championship but just fell short. The prospects, with many veterans returning to Coach Flynn for the 1952-1953 season, look brighter for even a better season. Lets hope the team can win this year for Coach Flynn and Bellingham High School.

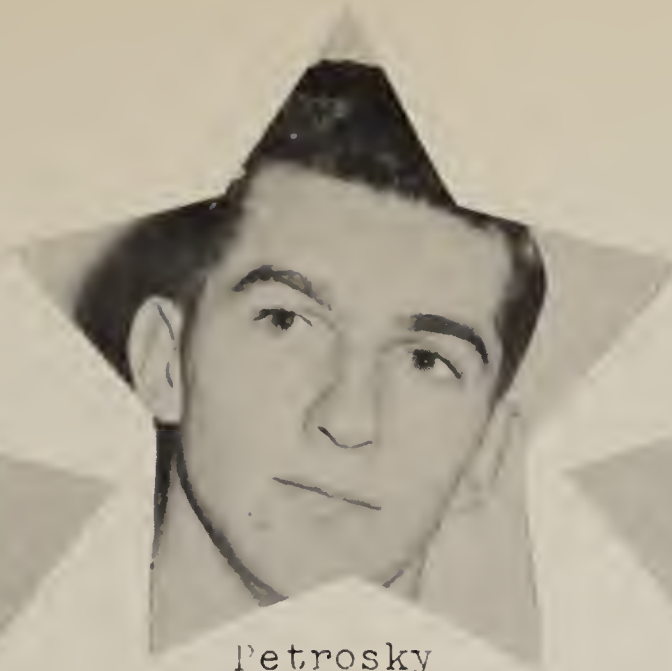


Varsity

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Nutting



Petrosky



Palmer



Coach Flynn



Young



Marcet

Sports By Bob NUTTING



Canestrari



Tuttle



Meotti



Hachey



Short



Schwenker



Mazdrachi



Mgr. Pelletier

Nutting....	321
Marcet.....	256
Palmer.....	250
Young.....	233
Petrosky...	231
Canestrari.	206
Schwenker...	99
Meotti.....	38
Hachey.....	25
Koloski.....	14
Tuttle.....	12
Mazdrachi....	9
Short.....	5



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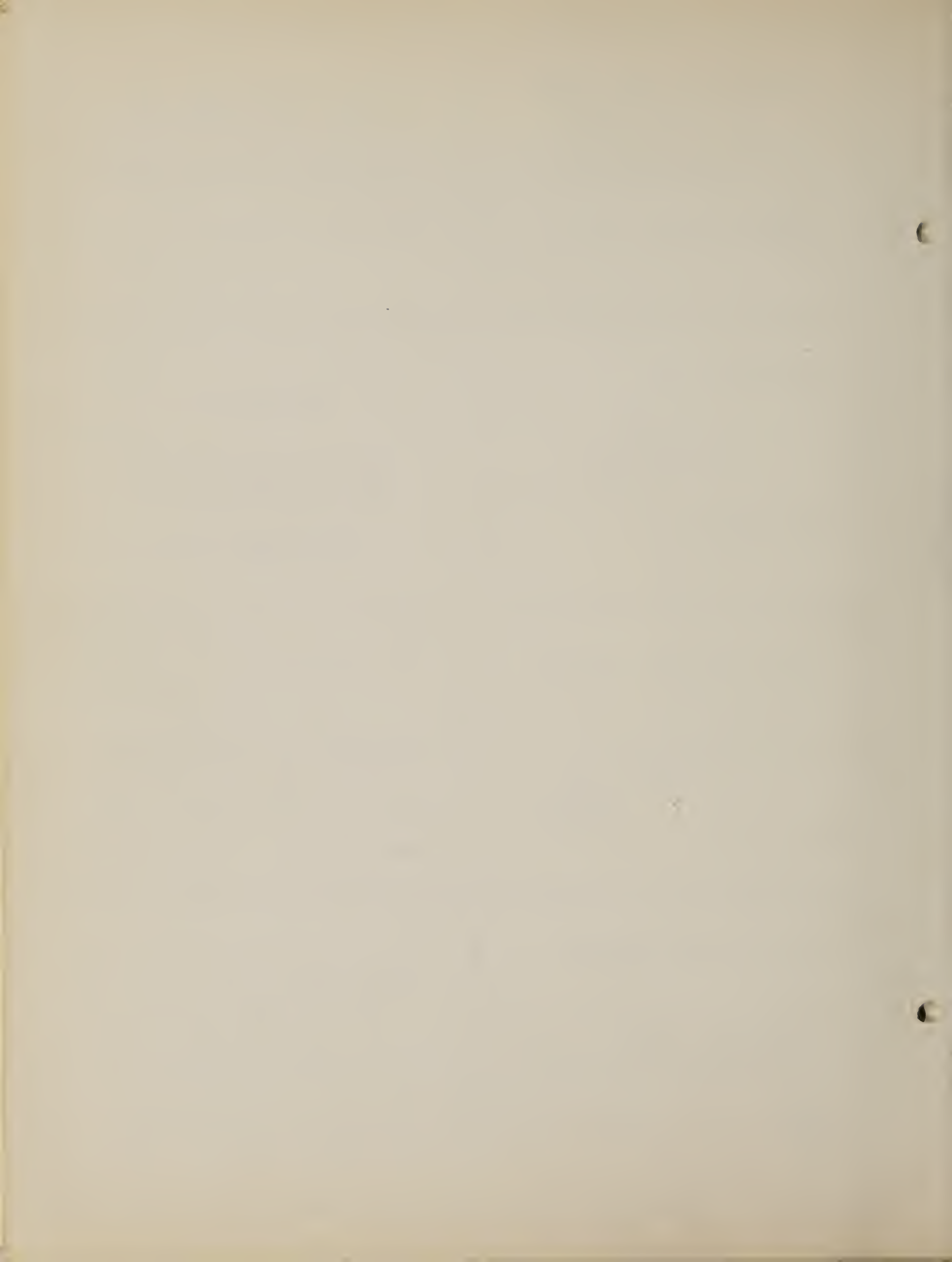
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